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SUBJECTLC FY 76 OCA PROJECT AND T.Q. IV PROGRAM

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1. PROGRESS REPORT ANGUH: LOST LETTER AT FORNMIN NEVER FOUND, BUT NEW RECTIFYING LETTER TO PRESIDENCY SENT AND AFTER DELAYS IN PRESIDENCY FINALLY ARRIVED ON DESK OF ACTION OFFICER YESTERDAY. IN SPITE OF URGENT INTERVENTIONS WITH HIM BY US, ANGUH ADVISED THIS MORNING TO COME BACK ON MONDAY.

2: OBENSON, WHO, AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL PERSON INVITED BY US AS PRIVATE CITIZEN, WAS TO HAVE MADE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAMEROONIAN EXIT VISA, HAS NOT SHOWN UP HERE FOR HIS AMERICAN VISA. ON TUESDAY LAST HE INFORMED US THAT HE HAD APPLIED IN BUEA THREE WEEKS AGO; HAVING NO RESPONSE HE CAME TO YAOUNDE AND WAS TOLD TO RETURN TO BUEA FOR RESPONSE, WHICH HE DID LAST WEDNESDAY. SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD NO WORD FROM HIM AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM IN VICTORIA OR BUEA. OBENSON HAS BEEN A FREQUENT CRITIC OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES THROUGH HIS NEWSPAPER CAMEROON OUTLOOK, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR DELAY IN DECISION HIS CASE. THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO TO INTERVENE ON HIS BEHALF EXCEPT TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL LETTER WITH FULL DETAILS HIS INVITATION AND PROGRAM, WHICH WAS DONE AND SUBMITTED WITH ORIGINAL APPLICATION.

3. HAVE NOW BOOKED BOTH ANGUH AND OBENSON ON PAN AM FLIGHT 187 ARRIVING NEW YORK SEPT 23 AT 0600, AND WILL ADVISE CONNECTING FLIGHTS ASAP. APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE THAT END.

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